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The grad must go on

Archie Stouffer Elementary School valedictorian Mildred 'Mim' Buwalda reads her speech to a film crew at the Minden school on June 16 as filming of the 2020 grad took place. Graduates also walked across an outdoor stage to get their diplomas. The full graduation video will be released June 22. Across the County, grads aren't letting COVID-19 get in the way. Read the full story on page 8. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Mother's anguish leads to cemetery review

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al plans to examine its cemetery rules in response to a viral video calling out caretakers for alleged mistreatment of a grieving mother.

Dulce Acero posted a video from the Evergreen Cemetery June 13, in which she tearfully describes being confronted by two caretakers about items she and others were

leaving on the grave of her son Phoenix Acero, who died in 2017. Acero said there was a heated confrontation about items not being allowed on graves. She accused the caretakers of rudeness, threatening to destroy items and flipping her off.

She posted the video on Facebook where she received an outpouring of support, with more than 700 shares and 37,000

views. Acero told *The Highlander* it came after years of dispute with caretakers. She alleges items placed on Phoenix's grave were getting thrown out to allow for grass cutting, versus being set aside.

"It makes me feel really good when I come here and I see people have left him things," Acero said. "People who want to bring personal mementoes to the cemetery

should absolutely be able to."

Mayor Andrea Roberts posted a public apology to Acero June 16. She said the township will review its bylaw and look for ways items can be placed at grave sites without interfering with maintenance and safety.

"I was shocked and saddened to see the video ... I can't begin to imagine her grief,"

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Dulce Acero kneels next to the grave of her son, Phoenix Acero. After being allegedly confronted by staff about items placed there, she posted a video to Facebook, which went viral. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Caretakers accused of rude behaviour

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Roberts said.

Dysart's cemetery bylaw does not disallow most items from being left at graves. Although the bylaw states the municipality is not liable for anything that happens to items outside of "gross negligence" on its part, there is no section that explicitly states mementos cannot be placed or that they will be removed. The bylaw only disallows non-potted plants, fencing and solar lights.

In contrast, cemetery bylaws such as those in the neighbouring Minden Hills explicitly state the township can regulate items which prevent cemetery operations, and can be removed and disposed of without notification.

Roberts acknowledged it is an issue in the Dysart bylaw. She added items getting in the way of staff is a problem.

"While it may not be in the bylaw, there is just a certain standard of care

to make sure they can do their work without hitting a photograph," she said. "We also want to work with how we can safely place items in and around a headstone."

Acero said she worked to ensure items were not getting in the way and even trimmed grass herself with scissors, though that is against the bylaw. She added people should be allowed a space near graves. She also said mementos at graves are part of her family's Mexican culture, with the Day of the Dead celebrations in November.

"This has to be fixed. This can't be a continuous argument for people who are trying to grieve," Acero said, adding the caretakers involved should be fired.

The township contracts cemetery maintenance to Golf Green Enterprises. Roberts said those caretakers are not being fired but were spoken to, adding all staff need to have

proper customer service training.

Only the contractor could fire one of its employees, not the township. Golf Green Enterprises did not respond to a request for comment.

Roberts said the company has worked with the township for more than 25 years and the incident is not worth ending that contract.

"We have a good rapport with the company. This is a very, very unfortunate thing that happened and we want to make sure on a go-forward basis that this doesn't happen again," Roberts said.

Acero said she appreciated an apology she received from Golf Green but felt it should be direct from the employees. She said she is unhappy about a conversation she had with Roberts and is not content with the public apology.

"This is where our loved ones are," she said. "This is where our people are and you need to respect us."

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Construction has begun for an expansion at the Minden daycare, which will keep its doors closed for six months. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Daycares staying closed, demand provincial funding

By Joseph Quigley

Daycares are remaining closed for now as they seek more funding from the province to address the increased demands of the pandemic.

The province announced daycares could start reopening June 12, with enhanced safety measures. However, many daycares are halting any reopening until the provincial government can fund the costs of enhanced measures, as well as ensuring provincial grants can be used to help cover for wages.

The Minden daycare is in that position. The building will be closed for at least six months as construction gets underway for a planned expansion, delayed by COVID-19. But Compass Early Learning and Care CEO and Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) president Sheila Olan-MacLean said the wage picture needs to be sorted for the daycare to run with an alternative arrangement at local schools.

"It's like the province does not want to own any problems that arise from opening up," Olan-MacLean said. "It was just kind of insulting the way that the announcement was made."

Childcare centres have been relying on the federal government's 75 per cent wage coverage since they closed in March. Olan-MacLean said they have used provincial dollars to make up the rest and continue paying staff, but were then told in May funds could not be used for that purpose. That stands to put Compass, which runs daycares throughout the region, into a \$600,000 deficit, she said.

"We were told something, made business decisions based on what we were told, and then 10 weeks into the closure, what they call the 'sustainability plan' was really disastrous for all of childcare," Olan-MacLean said.

Meanwhile, Haliburton Wee Care supervisor Denise Wolm said the daycare is not sure when it can open.

"There are a lot of factors to take into consideration including funding and preparations which need to be done in order to ensure everyone's safety which is first and foremost," she said.

In a June 13 letter, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce said the province would provide funding to centres for cleaning, personal protective equipment and enhanced staffing levels.

"We know the integral role childcare plays in the restart of Ontario's economy," Lecce said. "We have taken action to support licenced childcare providers to enable them to remain sustainable."

Lecce also listed the required safety measures, including keeping groups to 10 or less, screening all staff and children, enhanced cleaning and restricted visitors.

Olan-MacLean said the province still needs to answer for wage funding. She said daycares have continued to help people on an emergency basis and are capable of reopening with the proper support.

"We think that we can do it safely," she said. "We also do not want to open up our doors for children if it's not in their best interests ... It's really important that we have the staffing we need."

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Work is continuing on the Minden arena project. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Councillors disagree over arena costs

By Lisa Gervais

Minden's arena project remains controversial with councillors disagreeing over extra costs during their meeting June 11.

CAO-treasurer Lorrie Blanchard tabled a report on so-called value-added items.

She said the arena project committee, builders MBC, and Parkin Architects met June 2 to go over the list.

"Each item was assessed on its value to the project as well as the order of priority in contributing to this value," Blanchard said.

The list includes four 'high importance' items, with the most expensive being paving of the balance of the parking lot (\$68,880), artistic murals and reproductions (\$17,220), lobby furniture (\$15,375) and a screen and projector (\$1,230), totalling \$102,375. Blanchard said other items would cost an estimated \$83,765. The township does have outstanding Ontario Trillium Foundation grant money of \$128,000.

The overall project budget currently sits at \$12,744,570, for which council will borrow money.

Coun. Bob Carter questioned a number of the items. He said he understood the need for some things, such as furniture and a projector and screen, but "I'm not willing to spend more money on any of the rest of this."

He asked about fundraising.

But Coun. Jean Neville retorted, "we have a gorgeous building happening there, multi-million-dollar, and now we're nit-picking about murals and projector screens and furniture ... Let's not be getting so nit-picky over a few thousand dollars when this is going to be the showcase of Minden Hills."

She said the arena task force had been meeting for years and council should listen to their recommendations and take advantage of low interest rates.

Coun. Ron Nesbitt, who's on his second term with the arena committee said, "not to finish it the way it should be finished is not right."

Coun. Carter said he understood that some of the asks had to be done, however, "what we're looking at here is another \$250,000 to \$300,000. That number exceeds nit-picking to me." He noted council had already approved an additional \$250,000 for the project late last year.

Coun. Jennifer Hughey added it wasn't about nit-picking, but transparency.

Coun. Pam Sayne picked up on Carter's comments about the community fundraising aspect, referring to Mayor Brent Devolin's statement last year that an arena fundraising group could potentially raise \$1 million.

"I think we need to do some fundraising," Sayne said. "We were told at one point we could (raise)

\$1 million in fundraising for this project. We haven't seen that come through."

She and Coun. Hughey asked about putting the list out to the community to see if they could get items donated.

With regards to fundraising, Devolin replied, "there was a direction in fundraising that the majority of council, in November of 2019, decided they didn't like ... and basically that's why fundraising hasn't gone anywhere. I've been waiting for six months for some suggestions where to go with that and nothing to date ... and we have increasingly asked members of the public to champion fundraising and nothing there, so that answers that question. And, we're going into our seventh month without a director (of community services)." He said that would have helped the process along. Former director Mark Coleman left the township in late December for another job.

Blanchard said there were a number of items that could be put off and it was ultimately up to council to decide how much money they wanted to commit so the township could move forward.

"If council felt that \$300,000 was a definite no-go, is there a number that you would find acceptable to move forward with any of these things on the list?" she asked.

Devolin asked councillors to come prepared to finalize the list for the June 25 meeting.

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It's a confusing world

As an acquaintance rushed up to give me a hug on Saturday, I froze.

On Sunday, my partner and I accepted an invitation to a backyard visit. It was mildly awkward. We were able to sit six feet apart. When it came to snack time, we moved under an enclosed gazebo, still socially distanced. We had to manage the eating. This was done with everyone getting a tablespoon to scoop their vegetables, fruit, rice cakes, healthy chips and dips. At one point, I had to use their washroom, which they assured me was fine, since I'd declared myself healthy.

Argh.

I have been so used to staying six feet apart from people that the weekend challenged me. I hadn't hugged anybody outside of my own house since mid-March. Other than the neighbours, there had been no real visiting.

I guess what I'm trying to say is I am working on figuring out this whole social circle thing.

As of now, I don't really have one. I mean, sure, there's my partner and I. And we have been socializing with the aforementioned neighbours, so I guess that makes four of us. But that's been about it.

I also have to admit that I have been a

bit confused, and had to go to the *Toronto Star's* explainer to get a better run down on social circles.

So, we can have a social circle of 10.

Do I add my extended family? I guess I could but none of them live in Haliburton County. Do they even want to be part of my social circle? Do I add my work colleagues? Do they want to be part of it?

We have family coming from Newfoundland in the very near future. There, they have bubbles as opposed to social circles. They have also formed double bubbles. I guess they will become part of my social circle. For them, perhaps we'll be their triple double. See what I mean? Very confusing.

I guess we all have to sit down and pick our group of 10. Make sure the 10 want in. And, ensure they don't join other social circles. In other words, when we're out of our social circle, we still have to stay six feet apart. No cheating on our circle.

This takes us to the next set of challenges. With businesses reopening as of June 12, how are we supposed to handle these interactions?

I was impressed with the Minden farmers market. I knew exactly what I had to do. Read the instructions at the entrance, wear

a mask, hand sanitize, walk in one direction only, keep six feet apart.

The wearing masks theme seems pretty consistent these days, unless you're eating of course. Other businesses are all a bit different.

Say you're going to get your hair cut. The advice is to keep the appointment short. That means wash your hair at home first. Don't get a cut and a colour. Just get a cut. Don't chat. Make sure the salon is following protocol, such as hand washing and disinfecting the tools of the trade.

With restaurants, one bit of advice going around is not to talk. Apparently talking fast, loud and often just spreads those droplets around. Tricky. When I go out to eat, I like to talk. Same goes with haircut trips.

So, Haliburton County, create your social circles and get out there, and remember, it's okay to freeze up, feel awkward, and not know exactly what's going on. We should be getting pretty good at this. After all, we've been doing it for more than three months now.



By Lisa Gervais

Let's not lose focus on another epidemic

**Submitted by Catherine MacDonald
Substances and Harm Reduction
Coordinator HKPR District Health
Unit**

As we make headway to slow the spread of COVID-19, another public health emergency continues to impact Haliburton County. Opioid overdoses have long been a problem locally and across Ontario even before COVID-19 arrived. That's why our Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, insisted the Health Unit continue its programs to respond to the opioid overdose epidemic even during the pandemic.

In our work at the Health Unit, we have seen how the opioid crisis, especially through overdose deaths, has affected individuals, families and our community.

Recently, as we've taken important steps to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, opioid overdoses and deaths are on the rise. From March 2019 to May 2020, Ontario's coroner reported a 25 per cent increase in fatal overdoses across the province. Locally, we've also seen incidents of overdoses during the pandemic, although it's hard to gauge the true numbers since people may not be calling 9-1-1 or going to the hospital for treatment.

Substance use and the risk of overdose

has been complicated by the fact access to some support services for people who use drugs has been limited during COVID-19. Physical distancing and social isolation may be necessary to slow COVID-19, but using substances alone increases the risk of overdose. Rising anxiety and depression due to the pandemic, as well as an increase in toxic drug supply, have also fueled the increase in overdoses.

Harm reduction is a term that applies to any program, service or action that reduces the risk of injury and illness. If any of us have put on sunscreen or buckled up a seatbelt, we've embraced harm reduction. In the same way, harm reduction efforts geared to people who use substances also aim to reduce harm. It means meeting people where they're at in their substance use and providing programs and services to help them enhance their skills and knowledge to live safer and healthier lives.

That's why we provide and encourage the use of naloxone kits to prevent overdoses. It's why we distribute clean needles and equipment free-of-charge to individuals who inject and inhale drugs to prevent infection. Harm reduction provides people who use substances a choice of how they will reduce harm. It is non-judgmental and supportive, focusing on care and

understanding.

During COVID-19, harm reduction efforts are still a priority for the Health Unit and our community partners. Throughout the pandemic, the Health Unit continues to provide needle exchange and naloxone programs, as well as its opioid surveillance, early warning and local opioid response programs. Many other agencies have switched from in-person to phone and video supports, while others, such as harm reduction outreach workers, are increasing their presence in Haliburton County by providing face-to-face support to promote the health and safety of individuals and the community. As more COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, additional supports and services will resume as well.

Locally, we're very fortunate to have many dedicated individuals and service providers continuing to support some of our most vulnerable citizens during COVID-19.

We can all play a role in supporting local harm reduction efforts – especially now – and addressing the ongoing opioid crisis in Haliburton County. Let's work together, setting aside personal concerns and opinions, and treat people impacted by opioids with compassion and dignity. After all, whether a pandemic or epidemic, we're all in this together.



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Editorial opinion

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Left: Mike Irwin sent this photograph of a mushroom known as chicken of the woods, which he took near Maple Lake. Right: Kevin Pepper sent in this image of two Loon chicks born on Salerno Lake on June 13.



Storm downs trees, outs power

More than 5,500 Hydro customers across the County were left without power after a June 10 storm felled trees and equipment. The outages were concentrated around Dorset, Gooderham, Tory Hill and Wilberforce. There were also outages across the province, with 65,000 people impacted. Crews worked June 11 to clear fallen debris and address the outages (*Joseph Quigley*).

Top left: Algonquin Highlands crews work a traffic stop as tree branches are cleared from the side of Barry Line Road. Top right: Cranberry Cove Enterprises clears fallen branches. Bottom left: A fallen tree with branches extending out onto the road. Bottom right: George Medley from Cranberry Cove Enterprises piles tree branches.

Photos by Joseph Quigley.

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The class of 2020 celebrates despite COVID

By Joseph Quigley

Local schools are preparing to celebrate the graduation of their students in new ways this year with the pandemic preventing large gatherings.

Graduation committees have worked on alternative arrangements with school buildings closed for the remainder of the educational year due to COVID-19. Trillium Lakelands District School Board has allowed its schools to each make their own decisions on how graduation ceremonies happen, with many going online.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will do a video ceremony June 24, with all the normal speeches. The school will also offer students a chance to cross a stage and get photos taken the next day on a staggered, scheduled basis to allow for physical distancing.

"Our staff felt really strongly about celebrating our students and their

accomplishments," HHSS principal Chris Boulay said. "We want to make sure our graduates know how proud we are of them."

Boulay said the school listened to feedback about the importance of getting graduation photos.

"Trying to have some type of photo moment was also significant for families to be able to have a reminder," he said. "Even though it is a limited form, it's still going to be very special."

Other schools are also planning online ceremonies or events, including Archie Stouffer Elementary, J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary and Wilberforce Elementary.

Stuart Baker Elementary School is forgoing its usual clap out ceremony but is preparing slideshows for each of its Grade 3 students moving on.

Wilberforce Elementary principal Elaine Fournier said the school's graduation committee is working on a virtual space for students to enjoy fun activities after addresses from the principal, trustee, and valedictorian.

"It's going to be celebratory," Fournier said. "It allows for

everyone to participate."

Although the pandemic has made for challenging circumstances, Fournier said recognizing milestones is still important.

It's really important to recognize and celebrate milestones. Just because we're under unusual or extraordinary circumstances doesn't mean we let go of, or forget that.

Elaine Fournier

Principal, Wilberforce Elementary

"Everything feels like it has changed, but there are things that haven't ... Like the unwavering support and love and pride of the graduates' families. The pride of teachers and staff members," she said.

"It's really important to recognize and celebrate milestones. Just because we're under unusual or extraordinary circumstances doesn't mean we let go of, or forget that."

Below is the full schedule of middle and high school ceremonies. Look for graduation coverage in our June 25 and July 2 editions:

- Archie Stouffer Elementary School – June 22, 7 p.m.
- J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School – June 23, 6:30 p.m.
- Wilberforce Elementary School – June 24, 6 p.m.
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Library patrons will soon be able to borrow physical books again as the County library begins curbside pickup at its Dysart branch. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

No holds barred as library goes curbside

By Joseph Quigley

The County library board voted June 10 to begin curbside pickup at its Dysart et al branch starting June 25.

The plan would allow people to borrow books by placing them on hold and then arriving at a designated time to pick them up from outside the library. If successful in Dysart, other branches would also begin to offer the service, starting with Minden.

Board members were cautious and decided to delay implementation at their May 27 meeting. But with the province lifting more restrictions June 12, board members said they felt comfortable enough to proceed.

"Things opening up, not everyone is accessing online. There's still a lot of people who like and need to hold a book," vice chair Andrea Roberts said. "People may have to wait a little bit longer, but I really think we should."

Board member Cec Ryall said he was still concerned but added it made sense to try it.

"I'm not sure if this is going to have the amount of value everyone seems to think it is. Having said that, I think it's definitely worth doing a prototype," Ryall said.

Holds will be able to be made via the library website, phone or email. Books will be picked up from an outside table under the overhang of the Dysart branch. Staff will sanitize the table and door handles, while also quarantining books for 72 hours after use.

Sullivan also said staff members can decide whether they are comfortable being part of the program. Books will initially be given out in 20-minute blocks to give staff time to process and sanitize, but Sullivan said that will quickly be shifted to 15-minutes if things go well.

Board members also decided staff could bring back access to library computers by appointment if curbside pickup goes well. The province allowed for that with the start of Stage 2 of its reopening plan June 12.

"We're all facing challenges, even in our municipalities, with people working from home with less than efficient or sufficient internet speeds," board member Carol Moffatt said. "I'm keen to get - with appropriate safety protocols in place - people back to computers and their window to the world."

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Minden dumps landfill digital payments

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills councillors, with the exception of Mayor Brent Devolin, voted down having a digital payment system at Scotch Line and Ingoldsby waste disposal sites.

Director of public works Travis Wilson was recommending Square to eliminate cash payment transactions during COVID-19 and for future growth potential.

In a written report to the June 11 meeting, he said there were numerous advantages, including reduced cash handling and the associated risks; immediate deposit, after processing, to the township's bank account; reduced internal processing time, including cash counting, balancing, manual receipt preparation and tracking; a potential reduction in account billings, collection and bad debt expense and real-time reporting.

He acknowledged some disadvantages, such as problems due to loss of connectivity or power charge, and additional fees and processing charges.

He estimated a cost of \$2,000 for set-up at both sites, and \$20-40-a-month for each site thereafter. Materials requiring payment would no longer be accepted at Iron Mine and Little Gull.

Councillor Jean Neville asked if it meant no cash payments at all. Wilson said staff were recommending the township not collect cash for the rest of 2020 and then re-evaluate.

"Can you not put a basket on a stick to collect cash or something?" Neville asked. "There's a lot of grocery stores and other places that are accepting cash. If people want to pay cash, I don't see that it should be such a difficult situation."

But Wilson said it was more than that, creating efficiencies and providing better reporting.

Coun. Jennifer Hughey said she understood it created opportunities for better analytics, but "cash is really a valid, legal tender and it is difficult to say that you are not accepting cash. Some people



A digital payment system will not be installed at Scotch Line or Ingoldsby.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

don't have debit cards or credit cards and I feel if we limit it to only Square, you're going to have individuals asking 'what am I supposed to do if I don't have a card and I can't take my garbage to the dump' so that is something we need to take into consideration."

Coun. Bob Carter said he understood that in a state of emergency cash can be refused but what about afterwards. "Is it even legal for us to refuse cash?"

Mayor Brent Devolin said he had heard that 97 per cent of transactions are happening electronically now anyway. "Will we resume to cash? The answer is yes."

Coun. Neville then said, "I'm just concerned that Minden Hills is making

this landfill situation more difficult than the other municipalities." She said she gets comments from residents who use other municipalities' landfills that "it's so much easier there. Minden Hills is throwing too many difficulties in taking waste matter and that kind of thing. I'm constantly getting comments about why are we making everything so much more difficult."

Wilson retorted, "I would love to hear an expansion on that Coun. Neville, in terms of what's difficult."

He said other townships are not accepting cash payments now. Algonquin Highlands recently implemented a Square digital payment system.

His recommendation was defeated 6-1.

Township tackles rules for expanded patios

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council is looking to expedite the process to satisfy restaurants' requests to extend their patios.

The province is allowing restaurants to reopen patios under Stage 2 of its pandemic economic recovery plan.

However, it isn't a seamless process since the township has zoning bylaws and Planning Act requirements that call for strict adherence, planner Ian Clendening pointed out during a June 11 meeting.

For example, he said restaurants have to have a certain number of parking spaces, or pay in lieu of parking. Clerk Vicki Bull added any changes to fees and charges requires a process.

On June 8, the province also announced that liquor sales licensees may extend their patios for the duration of 2020. In Minden, some are planning to sprawl into the parking lot to allow for social distancing.

Chief building official Colin McKnight said restaurants are coming with proposed layouts.

"We will do our best to get these up and running as soon as possible, but June 12 might not work for all of them. But we'll do our best," he said.

Clendening added, "areas that weren't intended to be used for customers are being transitioned for that purpose to accommodate appropriate social distancing. So, in that situation, some downtown locations are looking to remove parking that would otherwise be required under the zoning bylaw."

He asked council to consider delegating authority to the building and planning department to waive parking requirements and enter into agreements with restaurateurs about a minimal fee in lieu of parking.

"We're not trying to remove these parking stalls in perpetuity, what we're trying to

do is just allow for this very unique time," Clendening said.

Council concurred, setting a fee of \$1 per property up until the provincial declaration of emergency is lifted or for less time as deemed by staff.

Mayor Brent Devolin said, "after what's happened, if the parking's limited and places are so busy that you might have to walk a block or two, I'm prepared to live with that for the balance of the year."

Coun. Bob Carter asked about a provincial requirement that the licensee be able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises, such as fencing.

McKnight said they would be asking businesses how they are going to make the requirements work.

Coun. Jennifer Hughey said she'd spoken to two restaurateurs and there were also differences with locations, with downtown Minden presenting more challenges.

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Point in Time holds AGM in extraordinary times

By Lisa Gervais

Point in Time proved they could stage an annual general meeting via Zoom on top of the many other challenges that have come their way since the pandemic largely shut down the County in mid-March.

The AGM was held June 9. And although it covered the financial year ending March 31, 2020, much of the discussion was about what has happened since then.

Board president Sandy Adams said, "Children's mental health needed to be cared for. Families needed to be listened to and our people needed to be kept safe."

She said the board and community watched with amazement as executive director Marg Cox and her leadership team jumped into action in the balancing act of caring for clients' needs, by keeping the doors open by a process of office staff and essential workers and maintaining the safety of all those persons within the agency.

She said she was extremely proud of the accomplishments of Point in Time during the pandemic.

"Things are not ideal but what is right now? Everyone is just doing the best they can to get through it," Adams said.

Cox acknowledged the board of directors for "stepping up during COVID to best meet the community's needs." She also thanked the leadership team, staff, peer ambassadors, parent advisory members, steering committee members of the Youth Hub, and community partners.

"I think, at many levels, we have done well as an agency," she said.

Cox added the opening of the youth hub was anti-climatic compared to what youth are going through in our community now during the pandemic. She said one in five children and youth struggle with mental health issues, and some statistics go as high as 45 per cent. She said pre-existing conditions are being retriggered as they struggle with physical distancing and social isolation, and recently, the death of George Floyd and the aftermath of that.

However, she said that had been countered somewhat by their anxiety lessening due to improvements on climate change and having a stable income thanks to federal government wage subsidies.

The auditor's report was delivered by Jason Becker of BDO.

"Point in Time is financially healthy and is well-positioned to continue providing essential support services to the community in the years to come and has the resources to navigate any uncertainties that we are experiencing right now," he said.

The agency also honoured employees for their years of service, including Shelby MacMillan for five years; Cathy Constantino for 10 years and Kelly Harrison for 25 years.

The agency surprised Joan Wilson, who is retiring after a 35-year career. A staff member surprised her at her house to present her with a certificate.



The agency surprised Joan Wilson, retiring after a 35-year career. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Cox honoured Wilson for her "unbelievably dedicated and stellar work, across a multitude of positions and roles."

Cox said Wilson had mentored many in numerous therapeutic modalities, supervised, coached, completed psychological assessments, provided outstanding counselling and support and played a critical role in leading the agency in accreditation and helping to lead and direct the agency.

"Joan is truly a renaissance woman

who has taught us well and given our community so much. Joan, we wish you a well-deserved and happy retirement. We know you will be busy, and maybe even decide to learn to do even more things. Thanks so very much, Joan."

Wilson said, "it's been quite a ride. It's been my life ... my roles have changed over the years and I've learned so much from so many great people that I've worked with. It's such a rich experience. It's been so important."

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Tender awarded for Irondale site closure

Council is expected to award the tender for the closure of the Irondale waste disposal site at its June 25 regular meeting. Staff is recommending the job go to Four Brothers Construction, the lowest bidder of three companies, for a total cost of \$313,964.85. Director of public works Travis Wilson said the township still has to buy clay which is essential to the covering, at an estimated cost of \$180,000. He said he would update council at its June 25 meeting. He added, \$290,500 has been included in the 2020 budget as an internally financed loan.

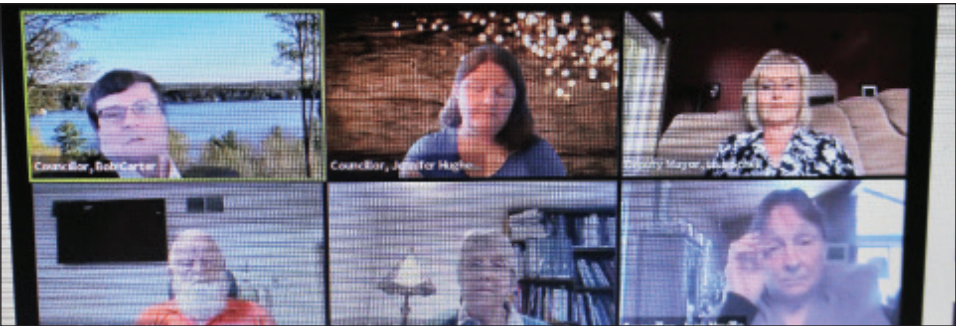
IGA Road rebuild update

Staff is recommending that Four Brothers Construction be awarded the tender for the reconstruction of IGA Road for a total cost of \$409,229.50. They were the lowest of four bidders. Wilson said the total cost, net of an HST rebate, is \$368,523.84 and \$375,000 has been included in the 2020 budget (funded by debenture) and \$15,000 for the consulting services for contract administration and inspection services of the project.

“Although a straight-forward project, staff request council’s approval of a contingency allowance in the amount of 10 per cent (\$36,215) exclusive of HST,” he said. He added that staff will prepare the agreement for signing for the June 25 regular meeting of council.

Internet for Lochlin and Irondale centres

Residents and visitors to the Lochlin and Irondale areas, could soon have access to township WiFi at the community centres there. County of Haliburton IT director Mike March attended the June 11 council meeting with internet options. He suggested the only thing they could do is satellite internet, likely through Xplornet. He told council it would cost approximately \$1,200 per site for setup and then \$110 per month per site for service. He conceded he’s heard internet in the area with Xplornet “is a bit of a mixed bag.” Coun. Pam Sayne said “Xplornet will just slow right down if more people are using it.” However, she said it was important to seek a solution, since “kids are missing school because they don’t have access to internet. There are a lot of other services that are really critical that people do not have access to.”



Minden Hills council held a virtual meeting June 11. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he thought the Eastern Ontario Regional Network connectivity project would be online in a year or two, so this would be a bridge. Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said, “I’d like to see us bridge that until the time comes.” She said she hears from people in the Lochlin area, some who could not access council’s virtual meeting June 11 due to poor internet. Coun. Jean Neville agreed about the need saying, “along County Road 1, it’s just a tragedy. That is one of the places where internet isn’t available and there are so many people along there.” She asked about a trial period and measuring performance. March said he thought there could be a trial and they could ask the public for feedback. The cost will come out of the community services department and March will report back final details.

Council extends landfill attendant contract

Council will extend the waste disposal sites and recycling centers attendant services agreement with Watson General Contracting. Wilson said the extension would expire on December 31, 2020, which will provide staff time to prepare a request for tender or proposal and award it prior to the contract expiration. He said it would also allow staff to focus on higher priority items. The contract has an annual value of approximately \$200,000. Funds were allocated in the 2020 operating budget to cover the expense, including money for a cost increase related to CPI increases, training and equipment, Wilson said. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Tracey Morrison and Diane Kyle stand outside the recently-opened Kosy Shack at the Wedgewood Marina on Highway 35, between Minden and Carnarvon. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Getting a little Kosy at the twin lakes

By Lisa Gervais

Fans of Haliburton's iconic Kosy Korner Restaurant now have a second option with the June 11 opening of the Kosy Shack between Minden and Carnarvon.

Ann and Al Gordon own both the Kosy in the village and the Wedgewood RPM on Highway 35. With the takeout shack at the marina empty, it made sense, says Kosy manager Tracey Morrison who was at the Kosy Shack this past Saturday with Diane Kyle.

"The Kosy has obviously been the place that people go to meet and have

conversations, so takeout is not a huge part of our business," Morrison said.

She said that like a lot of restaurants, it's been very slow, and the business is suffering "to the point where most days you're barely covering costs. So, we thought, 'well, why don't we open it up as an offshoot of the Kosy to try to subsidize some of the money that we're losing'."

Regardless of what happens with provincial government economic reopenings, they are committed to staying open all summer long.

Kyle said they're starting by opening Thursday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to

7 p.m. but that could change at the end of the month if they can get the staffing to go five, and possibly seven days.

As for the menu, it's pretty close to the Kosy's and features fresh cut fries.

"We have a few different things but for the most part we tried to keep it so we could do a little bit of the same, tried to keep them attached," Morrison said.

Overlooking Twelve Mile Lake on a beautiful Saturday morning, the two said it isn't bad.

"You've got to make the best of what you have," Morrison said.

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EH! held its second virtual enviro-café on June 9 via Zoom. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

EH! pushing for a green economic recovery

By Lisa Gervais

Environment Haliburton! members watched a webinar by the United Nations water and climate specialist June 9 that talked about the pandemic and what it means for humankind going forward.

Bob Sandford's talk was originally given on Vancouver Island during 50th anniversary celebrations of Earth Week. EH! member Susan Hay thought it would be poignant to share 'The Transformational Moment: Global Reset and the Future of Hope.'

It was the second enviro-café that the group has done via Zoom and it attracted about 30 participants.

Discussing the pandemic, Sandford said, "COVID-19 has stopped society in its tracks. The pandemic has created what I hope history will remember as 'the great pause.' We are grounded until we get grounded."

He said his webinar was about how it is crucial to ensure the world is better protected from future pandemics but it cannot stop there.

"We must use this extraordinary hiatus to thoughtfully consider how we can perpetuate our gains in carbon emissions reductions, while at the same time making other critically needed changes to our economies and lifestyle expectations that will make us not just less vulnerable to pandemics in the future but will bolster meaningful, persistent action in achieving the goals of the United Nations 2030 transforming our world globally sustainable agenda," he said.

"We need to change the direction we are going in time to ensure we never come this close to crossing the threshold of societal collapse again."

Sandford went on to say Canada was an environmental world leader between 1970-1990 but things changed as multi-national corporations led a spin of the story to underplay and discredit the threat of global warming and climate change.

He accused federal and provincial governments of being irresponsible the past 20 years. Just one outcome is higher carbon dioxide emissions today than in 1970 despite global promises. Climate change could also bring about global economic, social and political disruption and in some regions the specter of societal collapse, he stressed.

Sandford said people have to realize they can't go on as they have, and use the hiatus to make vital changes.

He advised stopping the trade of wildlife, which led to COVID-19, and to elect political representatives who "not only get it but get it done. This will require fierce and relentless citizenship."

He said people often ask him what one person can do, but "stop being one person. We have to stop being apathetic, indifferent and polite and call things what they really are."

In a breakout group, participant Dr. Jim Hollingsworth said he will put his energy towards the next provincial and federal elections.

Hay said she'd listened to the webinar four or five times and "my biggest concern is that we are going to come out of the COVID crisis and attempt to go back to where we were before and not institute a green recovery. I'm hoping that our little group in Haliburton ... and various groups across the world can push for a green recovery when it's possible to resume economic activities."



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Left: Gus Janca and Sandra Carmody greet people at the Minden farmers market. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* Right: Marjorie Price examines plants from Fisher Farms at the Haliburton farmers market at Rotary Park June 16. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Seeing familiar, masked, faces at the markets

By Lisa Gervais

The Minden farmers market kicked off the season in Haliburton County June 13. The venue has shifted from the township parking lot to the fairgrounds. Signs of COVID-19 were evident everywhere; from the sanitizing station at the entrance, one-way traffic, vendors being spaced out, and the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE). However, it was also a time to celebrate

getting out-of-doors, seeing familiar - albeit masked - faces, and buying some local food. Dave Willis walked up and called out, “Is that you, Shannon?” to Shannon Blanchard of Grahams’ Farm Market. He asked her why the vendors were spaced so far apart. “We’re worried about your physical health,” replied Blanchard. Blanchard said it was going great, “I’m really moving produce and already sold out

of cherries.” Across the fairgrounds, people were calling out “good to see you” and “nice to be back.” At the McLean’s Berry Farms of Buckhorn booth, Cindy Leahy came well prepared. She had pylons and rope to ensure her clientele knew where to walk, full PPE of a face shield and plexiglass. She said she’d been doing markets for awhile now, starting out when regulations were much stricter, so had all the gear.

The Haliburton market also began its season June 16, moved from Head Lake Park to Rotary Park. Enhanced safety measures were also in place there. Haliburton County Farmers Market vice chair Sandra Carmody said the new position worked well and it feels great to have the markets running. The Stanhope market begins June 26. “It’s been a long endeavor. Lots of work, but it’s paid off,” she said. *(With files from Joseph Quigley)*

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Township Service Provision Reductions

A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice.

Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260. Listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts or admin@mindenhills.ca.

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call.

The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible.

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:

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For a complete list of all Township service provision reductions, please go to: www.mindenhills.ca/covid-19-information/

Council Meetings

As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 25 - Regular Council Meeting
July 30 - Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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Important Property Tax Information

The 2020 property tax installments are due on:

- May 29th
- June 26th
- July 24th
- September 18th

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Interest at the rate of one and one quarter percent (1 ¼%) per month will continue to be levied against taxes owing for previous years (2019 and older).

Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan and Arrears plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month. The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on **July 24th and September 18th, 2020**. Post-dated cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques.

If you have any questions regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call (705) 286-1260, extension 201.

We encourage account holders to utilize the payment methods available, and to submit payments as soon as reasonably possible.

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- Cash and debit payments are currently suspended.
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- Payment at financial institutions.
- Cheque-by mail or deposit in the drop box. The secure (locked) drop box is labelled and located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pritchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp.

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Highlander sports



Left: The Red Hawks boys hockey team. Right: The senior girls volleyball team celebrates after scoring. *File photos.*

Red Hawks continue to celebrate success by video

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athletic awards continued this week, recognizing more teams and individual awards winners.

The school has continued the ceremonies in a video format, with different teams being recognized each school day. Here is a summary of winners from June 10 – June 16. The ceremonies will continue until June 19.

Sr. Boys Volleyball

Most Valuable Player: Liam Little
Coach Brett Caputo's remarks: "We had some ups, we had some downs, but overall we had a great season. I really enjoyed working with this group of young men the past three seasons ... Really happy overall with our team performance."

Boys Curling

Rookie of the Year: Owen Nicholls
Most Valuable Player: Jacob Dobson
Coach Darrell Dobson's remarks: "The (senior boys) team won gold at regionals and they went on to win the gold medal at the provincial championship. I think this is only the fourth or fifth provincial championship in the schools' entire history, so the whole school and community can be very, very proud."

Girls Rugby

Most improved player: Olivia Melle
Most Valuable Player: Charlotte Paton
Coach Carrie Harrison, Alexis David, Carson MacDonald, Brianne Pockett, Jennifer Paton, remarks: "We wanted to highlight the dedication and growth of our players ... Though those games ended with losses on the scoreboard, the girls continue to win and grow with their love of the game ... We are so incredibly proud of the growth and determination from this group of young women."

Boys Hockey

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Braeden Robinson
Defensive Most Valuable Player: Isaac Little
Coach Jason Morissette's remarks: "We're very proud of the development they've had ... Making the playoffs, we were able to do that because the guys bought in and were really disciplined ... Couldn't be prouder of our team and these young men for what they have accomplished."

Sr. Boys Basketball

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Joseph Boice

Defensive Most Valuable Player: Brian Kim

Leadership Most Valuable Player: Camden Marra

Coach Paul Longo's remarks: "(Boice) was almost impossible to stop, whether it was driving to the hoop or getting fouled ... (Kim), this guy is just an absolute engine that can't stop ... (Marra) shows both incredible leadership on the floor and off the floor, he's a great ambassador for Hal high ... Congratulations, everybody."

Sr. Girls Volleyball

Most valuable player: Emma Casey
Coach Steve Smith's remarks: "The coaches were thrilled with the development of our team in the final matches against Kenner ... Big thank you goes to our graduating students. We love their humour and their cohesiveness, made coaching this group of girls just so easy and so enjoyable."

Women's Curling

Rookie of the year: Kayla Switzer
Most valuable player: Holly Parish
Coach Darrel Dobson remarks: The Red Hawk curlers had a great season again in 2019 and 2020. The junior team ... placed third at the Ontario school of curling OSC zones, third at the OSC regionals and third at the Kawartha Championships. The

senior girls team ... placed second at the OSC zones as well as fourth at the OSC regionals."

Intramural award winners: Brian Kim and Desi Davies.

Coach Mike Gaffney remarks: "Sportsmanship, citizenship and leadership, this year's recipients exemplify all these characteristics ... Have been involved with the intramural program from the start, enjoying activities in a respectful manner and leading by example with their sportsmanship and fair play."

Cumulative Minor Award winners: Alyssa Bogardis, Haley Boylan, Jessica Byers, Brendan Coumbs, Corin Gervais, Ethan Glecoff, Logan Heaven, Danaya MacDuff, Camden Marra, Tyler Martin, Alexius Mills, Teo O'Malley, Ruthie Parker, Charlotte Paton, Crystal Petry, Carson Phillips, Nick Phippen, Braeden Robinson, Ava Smith, Brooke Stover.

Cumulative Major Award winners: Rebecca Archibald, Melissa Brinkos, Emma Casey, Desi Davies, Jacob Dobson, Brian Kim, Isaac Little, Zac Morissette, Nigel Smith.

Impact Award winner: Coach Derek Little
Coach Janie Scheffee remarks: "He has instilled the values of teamwork, discipline, commitment and respect in all his players over his 23 years of teaching the Red Hawks football program at HHSS ... His mark both on and off the field at Hal High can never be erased."

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Highlander people

Remembering Michael Fay



Michael Fay claps at a Heritage Ballet recital on April 26, 2014. File photo.

His goal was to make the world a better place

By Lisa Gervais

In his nearly 20 years in Haliburton County, Michael Fay was an undisputed leader of the Highlands arts community.

It could be argued that without him there would be no Friends of the Library, the Arts Council, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, and its advisory committee, and the SPARC Network.

The public would remember the many performances he was involved in under the umbrella of the Conjurors of County Town, a cooperative community theatre, Dead Poets' events, plays, workshops, and fringe festivals.

Fay passed away June 7.

"He kept building something, handing it off, and building another," his wife, Fay Martin, said. "Because he was at heart a community organizer, a very skilled one, who dedicated his life to making whatever world he found himself in a better place. Often without any benefit to himself except the sense of a job well done."

Martin said Fay moved to Haliburton County full time in late 2001.

"He was a city boy, so country living was my idea, which took him a while to embrace. But he did, eventually, very enthusiastically. In later years, he said very often that moving up here was the best decision I ever made for us; what he

particularly cherished was feeling that he was a known person, that every interaction was personalized."

Jim Blake wrote a tribute on behalf of the SPARC network.

In it, he said, "Michael Fay was a force for change, a tireless cheerleader for causes and individuals, a gifted organizer and communicator, committed to social justice throughout his life."

Blake said upon retirement in Minden, Fay immediately became involved in community organizing, with a focus on community engagement and creation in arts, culture and heritage.

"He gave leadership for better library services as the founding chair of the Haliburton County Friends of the Public Library. He was a founding board member of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, a founding member of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation and a founding member of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee."

In addition, Blake said Fay began a new career as a playwright, using local history to address a range of topics, including war and peace, the environment, the Great Depression, and social justice.

Many of his plays were written to be performed outdoors. "With a merry band of pranksters and dedicated champions of

local history, and outdoor theatre, he and his life partner Fay Martin co-founded the Conjurors of County Town," he said.

The Conjurors produced several original plays, Fay's and others, based on local history on the grounds of the Minden Hills Museum. They also ran youth drama camps and involved children, youth and people of all ages.

He said Fay then spearheaded the creation of the Playwrights Workshop Minden, which inspired and supported local writers to learn playwriting. This group founded the Minden Fringe Theatre Festival which created yet another forum for new works to be performed in unique locations.

After that, a couple of theatrical re-enactments with historical literary figures led to the creation of the Dead Poets' Society, "which mounted a series of raucous poetry performance events with packed

houses at the historical Dominion Tavern," Blake said.

Blake said some of the challenges around lack of access to resources, equipment, and funding led Fay to help create Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities, or SPARC, which he said had "become a significant voice for performing, collaborative and interdisciplinary arts in rural and remote communities."

In the last few years, Blake said Fay returned to writing short-form fiction and continued daily efforts to inspire and engage people through his Facebook posts "until his very last days."

Martin said her husband's goal in life was to make his world a better place.

"I think he did that here, for the 20 years that he called this place home."

Fay's family welcomes written letters and cards from those with memories and stories to share. Mail to Fay Martin, 1166 Horseshoe Lake Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

Memorial donations can be made to Places for People, and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or directly to:

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Front row: Program co-ordinator Nancy Therrien holds open one of the library’s maker kits next to Lions Club president Kathryn Kidd. Back row, left to right: Lions Jim Frost, Marilyn Frost, Gail Stelter and Jane vanNood.

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Editor's note: This is the fifth installment of a series entitled Harp on the Water. It's written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.

Chapter 5: Panic Box

Harp on the Water

Detective Harry Harp and Constable Terry Becker walked up to a cedar-sided cottage fronted by a neat row of day lilies. They knocked on the door and after a moment, were invited into a large white space - kitchen, dining room and living room blending into one.

The two men took a seat, admiring the home's eclectic interior - framed movie posters, retro light fixtures, a 1970s shag carpet. Harp said, "I guess you're wondering why we're here."

"You bet we are," Ariel Froome said, smiling widely and adjusting the wedding band on her finger. She was in her early 40s and had a no-nonsense air about her, conveyed in part by her plain white shirt and blue jeans. Mimi, who looked ten years younger, was sitting cross-legged on a white leather couch. Wearing a Clash T-Shirt and sweat pants, Harp clocked the wedding ring on her finger, too.

"I've seen you moving around the lake," Mimi said. "What's happened?" She had delicate features under a mop of dyed blonde hair.

Harp said, "Ida Calvert was murdered last night."

The two women exchanged glances. "That's - awful," Ariel said, pressing the palm of her hand against her cheek.

Mimi sat up. "What can we do to help?"

"Let's start with last night. What were you doing between 10 and midnight?" Harp asked.

Ariel took the lead. "Sure. We finished dinner about 9:30, cleaned up and took the boat over to Bob and Heather's for the fireworks show. Pyrotechnics are not really our thing but we want to fit in, so ..." She smiled knowingly at Harp. "The show is always 11 until midnight and always the identical series of fireworks. Something wonderfully odd about that, don't you think?" She laughed indulgently then remembered Ida Calvert's murder and her smile vanished. "The show ended at midnight - we came home and went to bed."

Becker leaned forward. "Do you remember anything unusual? Did you see or hear anything out of the ordinary?"

Mimi frowned at Ariel, then the older woman said, "Not that I can think of. But if anything comes to mind, I'll be sure to get in touch - OH GOD!"

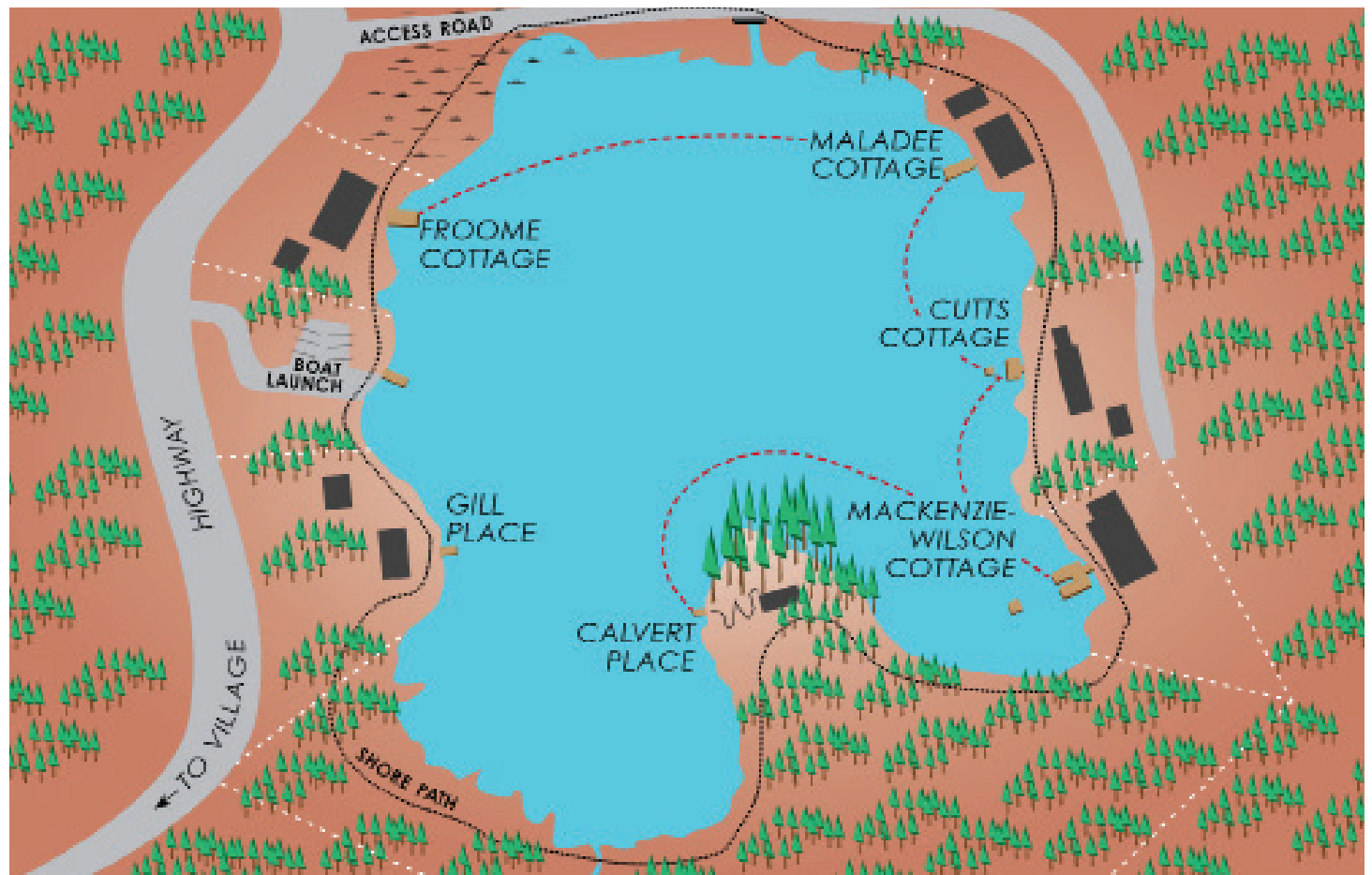
BEEP-BEEP-BEEP!

Ariel jammed her hands over her ears.

"The boat launch drives us crazy!" Mimi said to Becker by way of explaining her wife's behaviour.

Through the window and beyond a clump of trees, Harp saw a large yellow speedboat being slowly lowered into the water by an SUV with tinted windows. A man stood on the dock shouting instructions at the driver. The beep of the reverse warning system filled the room and so, too, did the odour of engine exhaust. Ariel and Mimi ran around shutting windows.

When the cottage was sufficiently sealed,



the women returned to the living room and took their seats. Both looked stricken - and not from the news of Ida Calvert's murder.

Ariel massaged her temples, "That launch is supposed to be for WAOs only."

"WAOs?" The lines in Harp's forehead deepened.

"Water Access Only cottagers. Off-grid types with no road access. But every sports fisherman and party animal in the county uses the launch—because they can!" She threw up her hands.

Mimi said quietly, "We applied to have it removed but, well, because there still is one off-grid cottage"

"The Calvert place?" Becker said.

Mimi and Ariel nodded, each working hard to transform their features from bitter anger to sympathetic concern.

Harp said, "So you want them to sell?"

Ariel laughed derisively. "No! All Ida had to do was to allow the road to come to her property. Without off-grid cottages, there would be no need for the launch and our proposal to close it would go through. Simple." She smiled, cat-like. "We're professors and, not to boast, but we can write one killer proposal."

Mimi looked at her admiringly. "We wanted to retire here but this issue has really changed things."

Harp gestured in the direction of the boat launch. "But surely it was here when you bought the place."

Mimi's voice rose up defensively. "Our agent said it was for WAOs only. And since only the Calverts qualify, its use would be minimal. That's what she said, anyway."

Mimi scowled. "Yeah, we should have done more research."

Ariel ran a hand through her short-cropped hair. "Wait a minute, Mimi, we can re-submit the proposal. With Ida gone, it has a chance!"

All eyes turned to Ariel and the room fell silent. The only sound was the muffled roar of the speedboat's twin engines as it took off from the launch.

"What?" Ariel recoiled defensively.

"Mort change tout. I don't mean to be callous but there may be some good that comes from this."

"For you," Harp noted dryly.

Ariel Froome's eyes narrowed. "Look—hat boat launch has taken a toll on us. We just got married two years ago and this place was our wedding gift to each other. It was supposed to be perfect - NOT SOME BLOODY LAKESIDE PANIC BOX!"

Becker turned to Mimi. "Did you ever talk to the Calverts about this?"

"We tried," she said.

Having recovered from her outburst, Ariel smiled pleasantly. "I talked to them, I wrote letters, I have not yet sent carrier pigeons but I am willing to try anything. I have a file folder two inches thick detailing my campaign to introduce the Calverts to the modern era - and ourselves to the peaceful enjoyment of our property."

"You have to think of property values, too," Mimi muttered under her breath.

Harp chose to ignore the comment. "What did Ida say when you asked her about bringing the road through?"

Ariel turned to Harp and gave him the

most austere, professorial gaze she could muster. "Ida Calvert said, 'Get off my land'." The older woman shook her head. "I could have throttled that cantankerous old crone."

"Someone beat you to it," Becker said.

Ariel looked at him, then down at her hands, contrite, at last.

Harp walked over to the front window. The far shore's terrain was level until the Calvert point emerged - a shimmering granite promontory topped with towering pine trees. Just then, he recalled something Grace Calvert had said.

He turned to the women.

"It must irritate you to see Grace leaving her boat at the launch when she walks into the village. Must be a constant reminder of how much better things could be if the Calverts would just - get with the program, right?" He grinned.

Ariel smiled. Mimi shifted on the couch.

"I can see how you'd want to get back at them," he said with a conspiratorial wink. He raised his voice. "Do something, right? Some little poke to remind them what a pain they are. Something to make their lives difficult - nothing criminal - just something annoying to show them how annoying they are to you. Like untying Grace's boat and setting it adrift, right? RIGHT!?" His voice echoed around the sealed room.

Suddenly, the 1970s shag rug fascinated Mimi. Ariel looked at her wife. Panic filled her eyes. "Mimi? MIMI—?"

Mimi looked up. Fear and defiance distorted her features and she said, slowly, "Other people do it, too. Not just me."

Highlander puzzles

Of Sound Mind

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Across

- 1 Frequent comment to Sneezzy, perhaps
- 9 Wildlife safe zone
- 15 Astronaut, in kiddie lingo
- 16 Lacking a musical key
- 17 Ring near the bottom of a globe
- 19 Narrow river inlet
- 20 Mo. name meaning "ten," oddly
- 21 AIDS-related infection
- 22 Alberta ski town
- 25 Come down to earth
- 27 Fall short, in comparison
- 28 Vein pursuit?
- 29 Stretchy obstruction used in dentistry
- 30 April Fool's Day baby, astrologically
- 31 Joe cool at Tim Hortons?
- 36 Great times?
- 37 Gift from a literary lover, maybe
- 38 Illegible handwriting
- 44 Drop a bombshell on
- 45 Handel's "Gloria in Excelsis ____"
- 46 ____-Locka (city near Miami)
- 47 Cod cousin
- 48 Mourned openly
- 50 Rental with a hitch
- 52 "____ tu" (Verdi aria)
- 53 Pah-pah preceder
- 54 Evidence on "Forensic Files"
- 55 Two-wheeler with a charger
- 62 Stacked compactly, as bowls
- 63 Took a chill pill, so to speak
- 64 On the wrong path
- 65 Envisions ahead ... or a phonetic hint to what's in 17-, 31-, 38 and 55-Across

Down

- 1 "Be Prepared" grp.
- 2 ICU worker
- 3 Stop being hangry, maybe
- 4 Hickey hider
- 5 Flourish on a font
- 6 "It's fun to stay at the ____" (disco lyric)
- 7 Quaker flake
- 8 Beginning to form?

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- 9 Reacted to adrenaline, as a heart
- 10 Suffix with synth- and sympath-
- 11 Pro vote
- 12 Let a guard dog loose
- 13 Astronomer whose middle finger is a museum exhibit
- 14 Students, in French Immersion
- 18 Like "eh" sayers, it's said: Abbr.
- 22 OutKast rapper Big ____
- 23 Eyebrow shape
- 24 Born: Fr.
- 25 Judgement flub
- 26 Rock blasting equipment?
- 27 Word with donna or ballerina
- 29 Clammy and cold
- 30 Lenovo competitor
- 32 Treat airplane wings in winter
- 33 ____ of the walk (bossy type)
- 34 Unexpected defeat
- 35 Chanel, or a Chanel perfume
- 38 Prince George's grandpa
- 39 Most obviously fake
- 40 Pol. grp. whose colour is orange
- 41 Come ____ conclusion
- 42 IBM's "brain"
- 43 Short form of Harold
- 44 "Morning Train" singer Easton
- 48 Not written with "less is more" in mind
- 49 U.K. record label
- 50 Family man
- 51 Actress Helen of "Airport"
- 53 "Cup ____" (Don Williams song)
- 54 Christian of couture
- 56 Faceoff taker's pos.
- 57 40-Down's former name
- 58 "Get off the stage!"
- 59 3, 4 and 5 of 26
- 60 Perjure oneself
- 61 UFO pilots

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Visitation & Private Funeral Service

The family invite friends on Sunday, June 14, 2020 at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 for a scheduled visitation by appointment only. Due to circumstances surrounding Covid-19, visitors must contact Haliburton Community Funeral Home to schedule a time to visit to offer your condolences to the family. A Private Family Funeral Service will be held. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or The Gideons International In Canada would be appreciated by the family.



James "Jim" Hutchings
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

In his 81st year, James, Jim, Jimmy died doing what he loved, riding the ATV and enjoying the outdoors. Loving father of Linda (Stephen), grandchildren Gina and Adam Westwell. Lovingly remembered by his close friend Jane and all who crossed his path. Predeceased by his son (Bruce) Hutchings. Jim will be remembered as a teacher both in and out of the classroom, a friend and mentor and an all round decent human being who enjoyed reading, movies, walking, talking and the view from his chair.

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J. Michael Fay was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec 18, 1945 and died in Minden, Ontario on June 7, 2020. He was a loved and loving husband, father, brother and son. He will be forever missed by his family: his life partner, Fay Martin, daughter Krissa Fay, step-daughters Heather McLeod (Arno Kalbus) and Kirstie McLeod (Scott Martin), grandchildren Michael P, Bec, Ria, Ben, Maura-Jane, Sam, David, Katie and siblings Kathy, Peggy and John. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Mary-Grace, siblings Mary Anne, Patty and Tim and grand-daughter Ella.

Michael was a force for change, a tireless cheerleader for causes and individuals, a gifted organizer and communicator, committed to social justice throughout his life. Before he left the USA for Toronto in 1970 he was a Volunteer for America in Chicago and dedicated advocate for civil rights, including working on Robert Kennedy's 1968 campaign. He continued to organize and advocate for social justice in Toronto, spearheading several community organization initiatives and a key part of CommonAct.

In 1975, he moved to Alberta and became a freelance journalist and published author, studied at the Banff School for the Arts and Bread Loaf Writers Conference with W.O. Mitchell, Alice Munroe and others. He founded the Alexandra Writers' Centre and edited the Dandelion. He was twice president of the Professional Writers Association of Canada, and as such negotiated creators' rights in Canada's initial agreement to reimburse writers for reproduction of their work (Access Copyright).

He became a health promotion worker with marginalized and immigrant populations in Toronto from 1982 to retirement in 2002 - some of his key accomplishments of this time include the Speak Out! And Count Me In! initiatives and the documentary Salad.

In retirement he moved to Minden where he gave leadership for better library services, the Arts Council, Minden Cultural Centre Foundation, and became a playwright. He founded Conjurors of County Town which produced several original plays, his and others, based on local history and performed outdoors. In later years, he returned to writing short-form fiction, a collection of which: Tenderness and other Stories, was recently published. And Michael continued daily efforts to inspire and engage until his very last days through his Facebook posts.

The world is a better place because of J. Michael Fay. He touched so many. The family would welcome written letters and cards from those with memories and stories of Michael to share, in lieu of flowers. Those stories are the best tangible tribute and comfort we could receive. Please mail to Fay Martin, 1166 Horseshoe Lake Road, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Halliburton Forest Open for gas and propane Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Trails open for day use hiking, biking, running. Buy pass at halliburtonforest.com.

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South Algonquin Dinner Open for take-out daily from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 705-448-1168.

Walkers Heating & Cooling Systems Open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for phone and email inquiries. No walk-in appointments. walkershvac.com. For emergency service, call 705-457-2375. Full services and annual maintenance appointments resumed.

Russell Red Records Open for curbside

pickup and free Halliburton delivery Thursday – Sunday. russellredrecords.ca.

Hillary's Trim'n Floor Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., curbside pickup and delivery available 705-448-3394.

Minden 50s Diner Open for takeout Weds – Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Call ahead to order. 705-286-2626.

Louie's Car Care & Detail Centre Open. 705-455-3691.

Rebel Elixir Coffee Roastery Local fresh coffee. oliver@web.net to order and arrange curbside pick-up.

Canadian Tire Open.

Buckley Electric Open. buckleyelectric.com

Kegel Heating & Cooling Fully operational and following all new health and safety regulations. 705-341-9170. kegelheatingandcooling.ca.

Castle Antiques and Cafe Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for curbside pick-up. 705-457-1155.

Emmerson Castle Building Centre Open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Country Bakery Open Friday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Minden Electric Open 705-286-2946. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Baked and Battered Open for takeout. bakedandbattered.com. 705-457-BAKE.

W. Everitt's Enterprises Limited Open by appointment only Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-754-9074. Norley Pit Open by appointment only Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-854-1648.

Total Site Services Open 705-457-9558. totalsiteservices.ca.

Casey's Water Well & Geothermal, Inc. Open. 705-457-9558. caseyswaterwell.ca.

Rodco Enterprise Open. 705-457-1224. rodcoen.com

Minden Halliburton Hearing Service Open by appointment only. 705-286-6001.

Highlands Storage Open for storage needs. Limited onsite office hours. Call 705-489-3925, or email info@highlands-storage.com or highlands-storage.com.

The Hot Shop Open for bike repairs. Call 705-448-9522.

Mill Pond Restaurant Open for take-out from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check menu on Facebook or Instagram.

Halliburton Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase at Wintergreen on Father's Day has been cancelled. Please send donations in support of fresh-water wells in India to Diane Dawson (cheques made out to H.A.V.E.).

The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House Open for take-out Wed – Sun 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Call 705-489-1939. Menu at thepeppermill.ca.

Stoughton Electric Available for plumbing, electrical and septic work and emergencies. 705-447-2211 jason@stoughtonseptic.ca

McFadden's Meat Market Open.

Soloway's Outlet Delivers to homes with Purolet. 705-448-1007. streetmeattoontario.com.

Glecoff's Family Store Open Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Curbside pick-up, delivery, or in-store with social distancing. 705-457-2715.

Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn Maple syrup and preserves available by appointment. 705-286-3202. wintergreenmapleproducts.com.

Highland Timber Mart Open Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday closed. Gooderham 705-457-2012, Harcourt 705-448-2268.

Garbutt Disposal Still accepting construction waste. 705-286-1843.

Minden Animal Hospital Open Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-286-2919 to pre-book your appointment.

Cordell Carpet In-store traffic by appointment only. Open for curbside pick-up with 24 hour notice. Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 705-457-2022. cordellcarpet@bellnet.ca.

Paws at Killara Station Open for doggy day care and care with conditions. Call 705-854-0055 or email info@killarastation.com.

Fresh at Killara Station Pre-order your eggs and chicks. Call 705-854-0055 and pay online or honesty box.

Contact North | Contact Nord Services available by phone, e-mail, text, Zoom and Facebook. Contact Robin 1-855-699-6330 or muskokahalliburton@contactnorth.ca.

John Fountain Electronics Open by appointment only. Call 705-286-2536.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours Volunteer group picks up groceries or takeout food, provides a friendly call or email, or helps with urgent chores. Bonnieroe08@gmail.com or call 705-286-2414.

Hyland Taxi Reduced hours. Sunday - Thursday 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 7 a.m. – 12 a.m. If transportation is needed outside hours, arrangements must be made the day before by calling 705-457-1777.

County Automotive Open for repair only. Drop off only. Call 705-457-1411 or email countyautomotive@hotmail.com.

Generator Solutions Temporarily closed to public but staff still available at monica@generatorsolutions.ca or telephone 705-286-1003 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Bernstein's General Store Not open to walk-ins. Call Marty at 705-457-1777 or email bernsteinsgeneralstore@gmail.com to order for curbside pick-up. FedEx drop offs available by appointment only 705-457-1777. FedEx pickups – you will be called to arrange curbside pickup

Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast closed until July 1. Taking reservations into the summer and beyond. 705-286-4922, sunnyrockbb.ca.

Edilicious Teamed up with Nourished to offer a falafel meal deal on Saturdays. Delivery available. Contact Nourished at 705-775-0525 to order.

Step of Grace Conditioning Studio Open with on-line training. Call 705-457-6749 or 416-707-1966.

SIRCH Free frozen take-out meals Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 2 Victoria Street, Halliburton.

McKee Security Open for business with enhanced protective tools for employees and public. Call 705-457-2156.

Northern HVAC Open for business and fully operational within the HVAC spectrum with new regulations for public safety. northernhvacco.ca. 705-489-2001.

Royal Lepage Trillium Team Working from home and checking phone messages and emails regularly. trilliumteam.ca.

Halliburton Dance Academy Livestream classes. info@halliburtondanceacademy.com.

Minden Subaru Open by appointment only. Service: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Sales: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 705-286-6126.

County Sign & Display Closed to walk-in traffic but continuing to produce and supply signage. countysign@interhop.net. 705-286-6650.

Halliburton Legion Closed. Contact office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 705-457-2571.

Up River Trading Co. Open from 8:30 a.m. Tallis and Trails Offer doggy daycare and pet

sitting. Open with regular hours. Call (705) 935-8245 to find out what measures they are taking to avoid human contact.

Highlands Medical Supplies In-store personal shopping no longer available. Available to take your orders by phone or email. Pre-paid orders can be delivered or via "Pick-Up Box". Call 705-457-9355 (Mon - Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), info@highlandsmedicalsupplies.com. Weekend/after hours: 705-455-2705 (urgent only.)

Hawk River Construction Open for business but closed to public. Payment, statements and invoices through email or mail.

The Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre Closed to face-to-face client interactions. Staffed regular hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Friday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and available by phone or text (705-457-4673) or email (hope@halliburtonpregnancycentre.ca). If anyone (including non-clients) needs diapers, formula or baby clothing, contact them and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

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West G Pizza & Grill Open for take-out and delivery after 4 p.m. 705-754-9141.

Abbey Gardens Food Hub Open for retail shopping and take-out food only. Pre-orders welcome by calling 705-754-4769 or abbeygardens.ca/shop-online.

AMP Outdoor Gourmet Special takeout menu. Open 6 days a week. Call 613-876-4639 or email amanda@ampmoutdoorgourmet.com. ampmoutdoorgourmet.square.site.

John E. Francis Fuels Office closed but operating business as usual by phone or email. Invoices will be mailed or emailed, not delivered by drivers.

McKee's Open for take-out and online ordering. Mon-Sat from 12-7 p.m. Menu at mckeeks.ca/menu. Call 705-457-3443.

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WRD Cottage Rental Agency Open as usual but working remotely. Call 705-457-9434 or email to fran@ontariocottagerental.com.

Fleming CREW Employment Centre Providing service via phone and email. Office at 49 Maple Ave closed to public. Call 705-457-2020 or email flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca.

Courtney @ Bruce's Barbershop Closed until further notice.

Pine Grove Point 4445 Elephant Lake Road, Harcourt. Open Sun - Thurs 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Fri - Sat 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Variety Store open for essential needs and the Pizza & Snack Shack open for take-out orders.

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Riverview Furniture Open with extra safety precautions. Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 705-286-3167. riverview-furniture.com

Lacey's Hair Design Closed. All appointments will be postponed. To rebook call 705-457-9888, or click the Phorest link on Instagram page.

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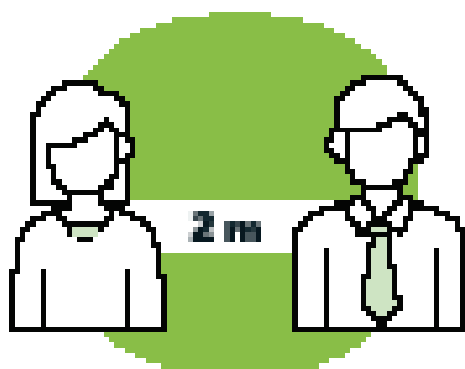
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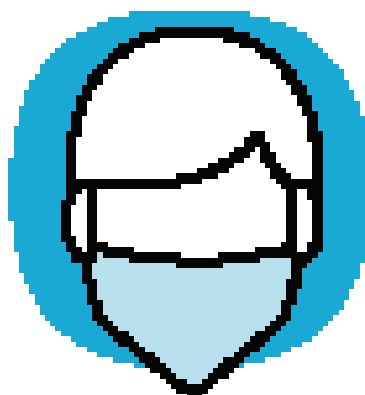
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**As businesses begin to reopen, we all need
to continue our efforts to protect each other.**



**Practice physical
distancing.
Stay two metres
away from others**



**Wear a face
covering when
physical distancing
is a challenge**



**Wash hands
thoroughly and
often**

Inside or out, stay safe. Save lives.



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Kennisis Lake



INCREDIBLE ESTATE PROPERTY! Ultimate privacy with 6.90 acres and 550 ft of clean clear shoreline. Granite walkways and patios. Over 4000 sq ft of living space. This custom built "True North" log home has recently had numerous quality upgrades. Too many to mention. You'll appreciate them when you see them. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths, full finished basement, Haliburton room, insulated triple garage with finished loft. \$2,589,000

Spruce Lake



Custom built 3 BR, 3 bath waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 125 ft of frontage and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property, open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous garden and stone patio with fireplace. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible. \$1,599,000

Otter Lake



Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bedrooms, 5 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 460ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite countertops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature. \$979,000

Colbourne Lake



Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft. \$969,000

Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frontage with stunning western views. \$662,000

Kennisis Lake



It's all about the lot! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year-round road. Looking for a finer upper this one is for you! 3 bedrooms 2 with balconies, 3 product pellet stove and back up solar system. \$969,000

Carroll Road



Lovely nature lovers dream! 3 bedrooms, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 60 acres. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, garden & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cooktop. Large rustic living room with propane stove. Large 3 bay garage. \$269,500

Twelve Mile Lake



Year-round home has everything you have dreamed of and more! Just minutes from the town of Minden, a stone's throw from 12 Mile Lake marina and a short walk to fine dining at Heather Lodge. 5 bedrooms, 3 bath, 1.09 acres. Elegant finishing touches throughout. Fully finished lower level. Cozy Haliburton room. Lake front enjoyment without lakefront taxes! \$255,000

Long Lake



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provide ample privacy. Endless possibilities. \$499,900

Airport Road



We found the perfect starter or retirement home for you! 110-ac level lot surrounded by mature trees. Cozy 2-bedroom, 1 bath home with open concept kitchen and living space. Kitchen is finished with Pine cabinetry and beautiful views of the backyard. In-floor radiant heat and recently installed vinyl flooring throughout. Attached covered single insulated garage. \$259,000

Nesbitt Road



Recently renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Low traffic year-round municipal maintained road. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Bright open concept living space, spacious kitchen, large rooms and ample storage space. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage. \$399,999

Contau Lake



Charming seasonal waterfront cottage 100 ft of frontage. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Spacious eat-in kitchen and gorgeous lake views from the living room. Storage shed, easily converted to Barbecue Good swimming off the large floating dock. Seller is installing a new septic. \$295,000

Vacant Lots

• DRAG LAKE \$469,000. 7.24 AC

NEW • DRAG LAKE \$349,900. 3.51 AC

• WEST LAKE \$349,000 0.60 AC

• COLBORNE LAKE \$289,000. 4.83AC

• PADDYS BAY \$259,000 45.72AC

SOLD • CONTAU LAKE \$165,000. 1.33AC

• HARBURN ROAD \$99,000. 44+AC

• NORTH DRIVE \$74,900. 2.11AC

• IRONDALE RIVER \$65,000. 3.22AC

• BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD \$47,000 2.36AC

• FRED JONES ROAD \$34,500. 6.59AC

SOLD • TOWER ROAD \$29,900 2.24AC

• WEST COURT \$29,000 2.43 AC

• TWIST LANE \$27,900 0.43 AC

SOLD • FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000. 0.38AC

• STUDIO LANE \$25,000 0.50 AC